

STREET BEGGARS FLEEING PUBLIC

Dr. Buchanan Issues Warning
Against Fakirs Now Oper-
ating in Richmond.

TOWN FILLED WITH THEM

Even Children Are Sent Out to
Solicit Dimes for Drunken
Fathers.

Fake beggars of all kinds and de-
scriptions are now reaping a harvest
in Richmond, and it is said that there
is an unusually large number, even
for this season, the most profitable for
the professional pan-handler, operating
here.

These impostors, who prey upon the
public with pathetic stories of a sick
father, a dead child, and what not,
have already duped many well-known
citizens. Many of them are known to
the Associated Charities, while some
are strangers to the aid of those with
whom fate has dealt unkindly.

Dr. James Buchanan, superintendent
of the Associated Charities, has recently
received communications from several
friends of the poor and destitute,
telling varied stories of being
deceived by cheap swindlers.

Always Warns Public.
Dr. Buchanan has taken no steps to
have these impostors brought into
court, but takes every occasion to warn
the public against aiding the profes-
sional beggars, who are so closely al-
lied with the criminal classes that the
distinction is barely recognizable.

Many purses are open during this
happy season of good will toward
kindred for the aid of those with
whom fate has dealt unkindly. Cur-
ious methods and all manner of tricks
are resorted to by worthless men and
women that their more fortunate
brothers may hear their pitiful tales
and contribute to the aid of some
misfortunate character.

Sorrowful yarns of all kinds are
concocted in the imaginative brains to
the shake of the shoddy from the
pocketbooks of the prosperous.
Children are frequently forced by a
drug-wrecked mother or a whiskey-
sopped father to seek money along the
streets to keep up the supply of mor-
phine and booze. These youngsters are
early taught the elementary rules of
the thief. They are adept liars.

Some Ways of the Craft.
Some impostors, more profound in
the ways of the craft, inflict with
audacious boldness upon the bodies
of the unsuspecting. This trick fre-
quently lessens the chances of sym-
pathetic persons.

In Richmond to-day there are sev-
eral men who are professional con-
tortionists. They roam the streets as
cripples. Their bodies are wrought into
revolting shapes purely for the purpose of
a handout from the susceptible.

Forgories of letters of recommenda-
tion are common, especially among
the female of the species of the day.
They have been going from house to house
in Richmond for several days with a
paper, translated into three languages,
purporting to be from a well-known
physician, stating that she is a worthy
character and deserving of assist-
ance.

This case was brought to the atten-
tion of Dr. Buchanan yesterday. He
at once communicated with the doc-
tor in question and the woman's
letter was taken to the professional man
who was unknown to the professional man.

Work in "Gangs."
Many applications for begging let-
ters have recently been made to the
Associated Charities. These are al-
ways denied.

The sale of pencils, souvenirs and
worthless gewgaws to the beggars is
one of the most successful methods of
the public.

The professional beggar travels from
city to city, and the beggar of Chris-
mas time and the hobo of summer.
Almost always, he is a member of a
"gang," headed by a captain, who
manages and plans the work.

The members live, or exist wherever
shelter is afforded. Each morning they
go forth to return at nightfall and
usually divide the spoils of the day.

And the alms of a hundred times
that not one of the hundred times
is assisting and but this sure element
when he passes a dime or quarter
to the street beggar.

COKE DEALER CAUGHT

Old Colored Woman Pleads Guilty in
Face of Evidence.

Mary Eliza Morris, a colored woman,
fifty years old, was arrested early
yesterday morning on a charge of
selling cocaine, and a few minutes af-
ter she was arrested she broke down
and admitted to Sergeant Martin and
Bicycle Policemen Belton and Tiller
who had caught her, that she was
guilty.

She was caught in the usual manner,
with marked money. The officers were
waiting on the outside, and as soon
as their "snorter" brought them the
packages of the "dope," they walked
into the house. The woman still had
the money—two quarters—in her hand
she attempted to hide it, but they
caught her in time.

Faced with two packages which had
been out of her house, the woman
broke down, and finally showed them
where the rest of her stock was hid-
ing. They found a half-ounce bot-
tle of hair oil and a small tin of
cocoa. In a tin box was found a lot of money,
in bills and coin, and in a sash bag
a quantity of small coin, showing that
business with her had been prosper-
ous.

The mere fact of having the cocaine
in one's possession is sufficient to con-
vict, and the officers believe they have
a strong case against the old woman.

TWO STONE DIAMOND RING

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"HER"
DON'T
COST
MUCH

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brings you back. Competent chauffeurs.
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EMPORIA'S CHIEF OF POLICE COMES HERE TO BE MARRIED

Service at Broad Street Methodist Church Just
After Special Sermon to Maccabees—Ro-
manice Not Revealed at Home.

Leaving the safety of the people in
that good and law-abiding town of
Emporia, State of Virginia, in the hands
of a faithful deputy, Chief of Police
William Harding stole quietly away
for Weldon on Saturday night, where
yesterday he met Miss Annie May Ro-
derson, of Vaughn, N. C., who accom-
panied him to Richmond, and who will
accompany him to Emporia as Mrs.
Harding today. No news of this ro-
mantic wedding has reached Emporia
yet, and if anybody in that town had
suspected it, the tidings did not spread
far.

Arriving here in the afternoon, Cap-
tain Harding and Miss Roderson went
to Murphy's Hotel, and in a little while
George Yeager, the clerk, who has al-
ready been many happy couples to the mar-
riage license bureau in the City Hall,
was informed that a ceremony was in
contemplation. Mr. Yeager is nothing
if not accommodating. He got in touch
with the Hastings Court clerk, the
clerk, accommodating, too, got in touch
with the office, and the license was
properly issued.

The question of a minister had to be

considered. Mr. Yeager happens to
know the Rev. S. C. Hatcher, pastor
of Broad Street Methodist Church, and
he had read that there was to be a
special service there last night for the
Maccabees. So he directed Chief Hard-
ing thither. At the church Chief Hard-
ing met an accommodating usher, who
informed Mr. Hatcher of the service
he was requested to perform.

When the service was closing Mr.
Hatcher asked the congregation to re-
main for a few moments for the wed-
ding, and, in the presence of that large
congregation, Miss Roderson became
Mrs. Harding. Chief Harding is a man
of middle age, though his bride is
scarcely twenty-one. After the service
they returned to Murphy's, and will
leave for Emporia to-day.

As chief of police of Emporia, Cap-
tain Harding has made an excellent
record. He is popular with everybody,
and evildoers respect him so highly
that they have skipped away for other
parts. His bride is a remarkably hand-
some young woman, and is the favorite
among large circle of friends in her
home town.

SHOPPERS BREAK HOLIDAY RECORDS

Buying Earlier Than Heretofore
and Buying in Bigger
Quantities.

MERCHANTS ARE GRATIFIED

But They Still Advise People to
Trade During Morning
Hours.

If the Richmond merchants had a
press agent he would tell you that the
shopping trade for Christmas has al-
ready reached the high-water mark,
that there are more and better pro-
spects for the holiday season than
there have been for years before, that
there are more buyers, more money,
more money, more satisfied customers,
and that Santa Claus is coming with
the goods. If a press agent told you that
you would be justified in discounting
his optimism, yet it is a fact that all
that he might have said is true. There
is no doubt about it. Saturday after-
noon, for instance, or rather Saturday after-
noon, the crowd in Broad and Main
and all the side streets where holiday
things abound, was almost as large as
that multitude which swarmed about
the city on Christmas Eve a year
ago. It was difficult to push through
the sidewalk throng, and in the stores
people stood elbow to elbow, buying,
buying, buying.

Big Shopping Day.
There was no rest for the clerks.
They were on their feet all day long,
and the one best shopping day of the
year, and everybody was eager to ex-
change money for gifts. Not many of
those people who force clerks to empty
shelves after shelf, later buying a spool
of thread or enough ribbon for a
hatband, were not in the crowd. There
were more men to be waited on,
and a man goes in, quickly selects
what he desires, and then goes to give
somebody else a chance.

The merchants, though a trifle
weary, were highly gratified. "The
indications are that this will be the
most successful holiday season in
years," said a retail dealer who makes
a specialty of Christmas things, "and
in all lines of trade there is the same
evidence of prosperity. Richmond people
long ago realized that they could
not be outwitted by the big cities. That
doctrine which the newspapers have
been preaching to shop early is bear-
ing fruit. In our advertisements we re-
mind the public that the best time to
shop is in the forenoon, and those who
have followed the advice have reaped
the benefit. There is not much to be
done in the night trade. It simply scatters
the business over many hours when it
ought to be concentrated into the day-
light period, and besides, women in
particular are not crazy about these
late hours. We can't figure on two
weeks of perfect weather, and for this
reason the shoppers should get what
they want right away. Still, we have
got a good jump on the cold and the
snow, so we are not exactly worried
about what might come."

Old Employee Dead.
Temple A. Miles, colored, for twenty
years a clerk of the railway mail
service, died yesterday morning at his
home, 115 West Leigh Street. He was
one of the oldest employees in the rail-
way service. He leaves a family.

Diamond Is Mysteriously Returned

Ring Stolen From Mrs. Craig
Found at Front Door When
Servant Answered Bell.

Answering the doorbell, a servant in
the home of Mrs. R. E. Craig, 1415
Grove Avenue, last night found stuck
under the door Mrs. Craig's diamond
ring, which had been stolen from her
room the day before. The discovery
of the ring confirmed the suspicions
of Captain McMahon and cleared up
what had threatened to be one of
those mysterious thefts which go al-
ways unsolved.

Captain McMahon paid two visits to
the home going Saturday night, soon
after the report of the robbery, and
again yesterday afternoon. On the
second visit he asked to see Lucy
Lewis, a house girl, alone. He was
clothed with her for half an hour. At
the end of the examination he said
more than ever confirmed in the be-
lief that Lucy knew something about
the missing ring, and he sternly re-
quested her to return it without delay,
and then confident that she would
obey his order, he left her.

While the family was at supper last
night the doorbell rang. A servant
answered, but there was no one to
reply to her question, "Who's there?"
But at her feet lay a small package.
She picked it up curiously and exam-
ined it. It contained the diamond ring
which had been stolen from Mrs. Craig,
and she was overjoyed that it was
returned, and expressed the highest
appreciation for Captain McMahon's

DRUNKEN NEGRO SHOOT AT CREW

Fired Three Times at Conductor
and Motorman Who Were
Chasing Him.

To prevent further pursuit, an un-
known negro yesterday afternoon fired
three times at Motorman L. K. Burton
and Conductor W. A. Prim, of Broad
and Twenty-fifth Street car No. 519,
who were chasing to rearrest him. One
of the bullets went through the car,
but, fortunately, none touched either
member of the crew, and, after the
negro had shown a clean pair of heels,
they returned to their car.

The negro boarded the car at
Twenty-seventh and M Streets, and
immediately became obstreperous. He
was apparently very drunk, and began
abusing the conductor using the vilest
language. Prim ordered him to con-
sider himself under arrest, but the ne-
gro offered violent resistance, and the
motorman went to Prim's assistance.
Together they managed to place him
on the front platform, with the pur-
pose of turning him over to a police
officer. But the car had proceeded
hardly half a block before the negro
jumped off. He was followed by the
crew.

After he had run a short distance,
the negro, drawing his revolver, turned
and fired at them three times. They
couldn't afford to leave the car so long,
and as the negro was armed, they gave
up the chase. Every effort will be
made, however, to rearrest him, and
the Virginia Railway and Power Com-
pany will prosecute him to the full
extent of the law.

COUNCIL SCHEDULE

Many Committees to Meet This After-
noon and To-Morrow.

There is a busy schedule of Council
committees and subcommittees for to-
day, including the following:

Committee on Ordinances, Charter
and Reform, 3 P. M., to consider or-
dinance regulating fees of the City Col-
lector of Taxes.

Subcommittee on Improvement of
James River at 12 noon, to hear from
City Engineer-Balling on the various
plans submitted for a new wharf.

Committee on Improvement of the
City, 3 P. M., to consider the report of
the report of its subcommittee.

Subcommittee of the Committee on
Water, 4 P. M., to consider plans for
cleaning out the reservoirs.

Subcommittee from the Committee
on Streets, 5 P. M.

Committee on Relief of the Poor, 8
P. M.

To-morrow night the Board of Al-
dermen will meet in regular monthly
session.

Convass Vote To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lynchburg, Va., December 11.—The
vote in Friday's local option election
will be canvassed to-day. The result
of the Corporation Court Monday
at 10 o'clock. The majority of the
official count, will not be far away
from the official figures.

She said last night that she had
not suspected the girl, that she had
believed it to be a plain case of house-
breaking. Captain McMahon thought
otherwise. When she and her husband
returned early Saturday night, they
found the house dark and the door
wide open. Instead of going in they
rang the bell, and the house girl
answered. She was questioned as to
why the lights were not turned on,
and replied that she had turned them
on. An examination showed that some-
one had been in the dining room, open-
ed all the drawers, without taking
anything, and then had gone into Mrs.
Craig's room, where the greatest con-
fusion prevailed. All the drawers in
the dresser were pulled out, and
clothes were piled on the floor. From
a box in one of the lower drawers a
ring had been taken, and two others
besides were left. Other rings and
jewelry were untouched, but all in
cash, about \$25, had also been stolen.
The police were notified, and Captain
McMahon investigated, and the ring
came back in the result. But the money
was not returned.

Examination of the girl's room
showed that she had left with bag and
baggage.

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CHAMBER TO HEAR SUCCESSFUL MAN

Hugh Chalmers, of Detroit, Will
Deliver Address at Smoker
To-Night.

HAS NATIONAL REPUTATION

Mr. Carrington to Present Ten-
tative Plan for Manufac-
turers' Exhibit.

"The Principles of Business Success"
will be the subject of an address which
Hugh Chalmers, of Detroit, will deliver
at the quarterly smoker of the Cham-
ber of Commerce in the Jefferson Hotel
auditorium to-night. Mr. Chalmers
rose from the position of office boy to
the presidency of one of the largest
industries in the country, and because
of his remarkable and unique record
members of the chamber believe that
he will bring a message which will
unquestionably bear fruit. He is re-
garded as a striking example of that
success about which he will talk.

In view of the unprecedented de-
mands for admission, it is ex-
pected that the meeting to-night
will be one of the largest in the cham-
ber's history. A number of manufac-
turers and merchants have requested
tickets for their employees and depart-
ment heads. President Henry W. Wood
will preside and introduce the guest
of the evening.

Manufacturers' Exhibit.
Vice-President T. M. Carrington will
bring up to-night the question of es-
tablishing what is known as the man-
ufacturers' exhibit, a centralized display
of a permanent character, in which pro-
ducts manufactured in Richmond may
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Well Qualified to Speak.
In looking for a man of na-
tional reputation to address the cham-
ber, the committee decided to invite
Mr. Chalmers, because the members
wanted to hear about the principles of
business success from one who had
practiced what he preached. Mr. Cham-
bers, a Business Manager, Dabney,
who heard of his work, while trying
to capture a number of conventions
which met during the past year in De-
troit, informed the directors that Mr.
Chalmers was fully qualified to speak
on a subject which the business men
of the community is so vitally inter-
ested. "I know that the business men
of Richmond who will hear him," said
Mr. Dabney last night, "are going to
learn some rules which Mr. Chalmers
has evolved from many years of ex-
perience."

Save Packages From Being Lost
Public Reminded of Simple Rule
Which Postal Service
Requires.

Study of requirements exacted by
the postal authorities will save annoy-
ance and loss to both senders and re-
cipients of Christmas mail.
Letters should be carefully sealed
and packages securely tied. The ad-
dress must be plainly written, and
the name, full and complete, and the
address of the sender should be marked
on the mail matter in order that it
may be returned in case the addressee
cannot be found.

Many packages consigned to foreign
countries never leave the post-office
because they contain articles which
the postal regulations do not permit
being dispatched. Without the name
of the sender upon them, these pack-
ages are sent to the dead letter office
at Washington, and thus lost to their
rightful owners.

There must be no writing on the
wrapper other than the name and ad-
dress of the one to whom mail is sent
and the name and address of the
sender. Any other words, except a
greeting of four or five words, subject
the matter to first-class postage.

Red Cross stamps on articles or pack-
ages will not be considered in any re-
spect as postage. Mail must have the
required amount of postage affixed, re-
spective of the charity labels, which
should be placed on the reverse side of
the envelope or wrapper.

Letters must be deposited several days
ahead of Christmas and New Year's,
in order to facilitate its delivery. Do not
write "not to be opened until Christ-
mas" or any other inscription on the
wrapper, for it will come under the
classification of first-class matter.

Persons desiring to send packages to
foreign countries should first ascer-
tain from the post-office whether the
country in question has a parcel post
exchange with the United States.

Business letters and parcels should be
clearly written and marked on such mat-
ter, and the contents declared on the
customs tag.

REPORTED HOLD-UP

Chickman Said to Have Been Held Up
and Robbed of Watch.

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OFFICERS WILL ENCAMP AT LURAY

School of Instruction to Be Held
Over Famous Virginia
Caverns.

EXPECT GOOD ATTENDANCE

First Experience at Petersburg
Makes Officers Anxious
for More.

Announcement is made that the
second annual camp of instruction for
the infantry officers of the Virginia
Volunteers will be held next May or
June at Luray. This was accomplished
through the efforts of Colonel Robert
P. Leely, Second Infantry, of that
town, the senior regimental commander
of the State.

The first school for instruction for
officers ever held in Virginia was held
last May at the grounds of the Coun-
try Club at Petersburg. Those in at-
tendance on that occasion were so
enamored of the idea and with the
good results achieved that the number
who will take advantage of the next
encampment will unquestionably be
much larger. In fact, it is believed
that nearly all of the 150 infantry offi-
cers will be present.

In addition, there will be prepara-
tions for the instruction of a number
of noncommissioned officers, including
the grades of first sergeant and quar-
termaster sergeant.

Over the Caverns.
It is probable that the encampment
will be had on the grounds of the
Luray Sanatorium, an institution
which is directly across the road from
Luray Caverns, and to which the cars
pumped from the cavern. T. C. Nor-
rington, the proprietor, has tendered
the use of the grounds and firewood to
the officers.

Appropriation for the purpose of in-
struction of infantry officers at en-
campments made by the War De-
partment under an act of Congress.
The plan was consummated for the
first time in Virginia last May, when
the encampment at Petersburg was
held. The officers got out and lived
in camp, under the command of their
own superiors, were drilled like pri-
vates, and received daily instruction.
No praise seemed too great for the
results.

Corps of Teachers.
The instructors are officers detailed
for the purpose from the regular army.
About ten in number, chosen especially
for their knowledge of practical things
pertaining to the soldier's life and for
their proficiency in teaching. They live
in the camp with the State's troops
and give careful attention to every
subject. Subjects taught embrace in-
struction on grounds, map reading,
map making, security and informa-
tion, sanitation, normal combat, attack
and defense and other lines of military
instruction.

All sorts of problems are mapped
out for the officers, and they are ex-
pected to solve the riddles as they arise.
Further, they line up for inspection
twice a day. Being officers, they are
expected to know how to drill before
they can teach privates to do so, and
are expected to know how to obey as
the first requisite for fitness to com-
mand.

A big mess pavilion is erected for
serving meals, the contract for sup-
plies being let to the lowest bidder.
At Petersburg a hotel secured the
business at the rate of about a dollar
per man per day. The mess pavilion
also serves for holding public func-
tions, which last year included a visit
from the Governor and a banquet
given by the State officers to the visi-
tors.

Leave for Convention.
Dr. R. O. Bryan, Dr. Stuart Mc-
Guire and Dr. S. C. Corley left last
night for Nashville, to attend the an-
nual session of the American Surgical
and Gynecological Association. The
Richmond surgeons are among the few
who will read papers before the as-
sociation.

Law and Equity Docket To-day.
The December term of the Law and
Equity Court will begin to-day. The
docket will be called at 11 o'clock by
Judge Ingram, and he wishes to im-
press attorneys who have cases on the
session to be promptly on hand. "I
have had considerable difficulty," said
Judge Ingram last night, "in getting
members of the Richmond bar."

What to Give
These puzzling problems are easily and
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Unless Richmond wakes up on the
sale of the Red Cross Christmas
stamps, it will be distanced by far,
in proportion to population, by Norfolk
and Roanoke. While the sales in this
city are ahead of those of last year,
they are not up to expectations.

Roanoke is doing exceptionally good
work in this feature of the war against
tuberculosis. Executive Secretary D.
S. Freeman, of the State Anti-Tubercu-
losis Association, said last night
that the Norfolk and Western town,
and that the workers expect to sell
them all. The proceeds in Roanoke
will go to the local tuberculosis dis-
pensary.

At Work in Petersburg.
In Petersburg, 70,000 have been dis-
tributed. The money in the Cockade
City will be devoted to the Birdville
Sanatorium.

Norfolk and Portsmouth together,
which have for years worked indepen-
dently of the State Association, will
probably sell 200,000 seals.

In Richmond, where the proceeds
will go to Pine Camp, about 100,000
seals are in stock, but it is probable
that many more will be called for be-
fore the season ends.

At the head of smaller places stands
Tazewell, where the King's Daughters
have taken hold of the sale. Twenty
thousand stamps have been ordered for
that place.

Seals are also lively in Winchester,
where the Latane Anti-Tuberculosis
League is in charge, with the view of
employing a visiting nurse. Lynchburg
and Charlottesville are also doing good
work.

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